House Resolution No. 4106

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who admirably have dedicated their time, knowledge, and skills to disseminating knowledge in ways that truly benefit society and improve the lives of individuals; and

Whereas, Dr. Bobby Phipps has attained considerable distinction as an Assistant Professor and State Extension Cotton Specialist at the University of Missouri-Columbia Delta Research Center in Portageville, vocational callings which he soon will bring to a close in well-deserved retirement; and

Whereas, Dr. Bobby Phipps spends approximately seventy percent of his time on such extension work as advising producers and providing research data with the remaining thirty percent of his work spent on cotton research; and

Whereas, Dr. Bobby Phipps prepared for his educational endeavors by earning a Bachelor of Science degree in agronomy and a Master's degree in crop science from Texas Tech University and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in plant breeding from Texas A&M; and

Whereas, the 2005 Cotton State Specialist of the Year, Dr. Bobby Phipps is a former chairman of the Cotton Division of the Texas Seed Trade Association, former member of the USDA Cotton Advisory Committee for germ plasm acquisition and maintenance, and member of the Cotton Minimum Distance Committee of the American Seed Trade Association who represented the National Cotton Council at the CROPS 99 Symposium; and

Whereas, Dr. Bobby Phipps has centered his entire career around cotton production and research in Texas, California, Arizona, and Missouri; and

Whereas, Dr. Bobby Phipps is a member of Gideon's International, Kiwanis International, and First Methodist Church where he serves as Sunday School superintendent; and

Whereas, the beloved husband of Mary, Dr. Bobby Phipps is the father of a son and daughter and is a grandfather:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the career accomplishments garnered down through the years by Dr. Bobby Phipps in the field of education and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as he partakes of the special opportunities and pleasures traditionally associated with the golden years of retirement; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Dr. Bobby Phipps of Portageville, Missouri

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4106, adopted August 1, 2005.